As Minnesota's Member on the House Budget Committee, I voted to pass the Democratic budget resolution during last week's committee markup. The Democratic budget honestly confronts the fiscal mess left by the previous administration and it advances President Obama's priorities to fund healthcare, energy, education and cut the deficit in half. I am pleased the Senate followed the lead of the House and supported the core components of the President's economic vision.

The serious problems caused by eight years of failed policies - including record deficits, doubling of the national debt and the smallest rate of job growth in three-quarters of a century - will not be solved overnight.

As we approach this week's vote on the resolution by the full House, I am working closely with my colleagues to generate support for President Obama's economic blueprint that puts us on a path to economic recovery and financial sustainability.

Fixing our economy and putting Americans back to work is my number one priority. I will continue to work with the Obama Administration to enact sound fiscal policies to stabilize our economy and restore confidence.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Betty McCollum
Serving Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District

